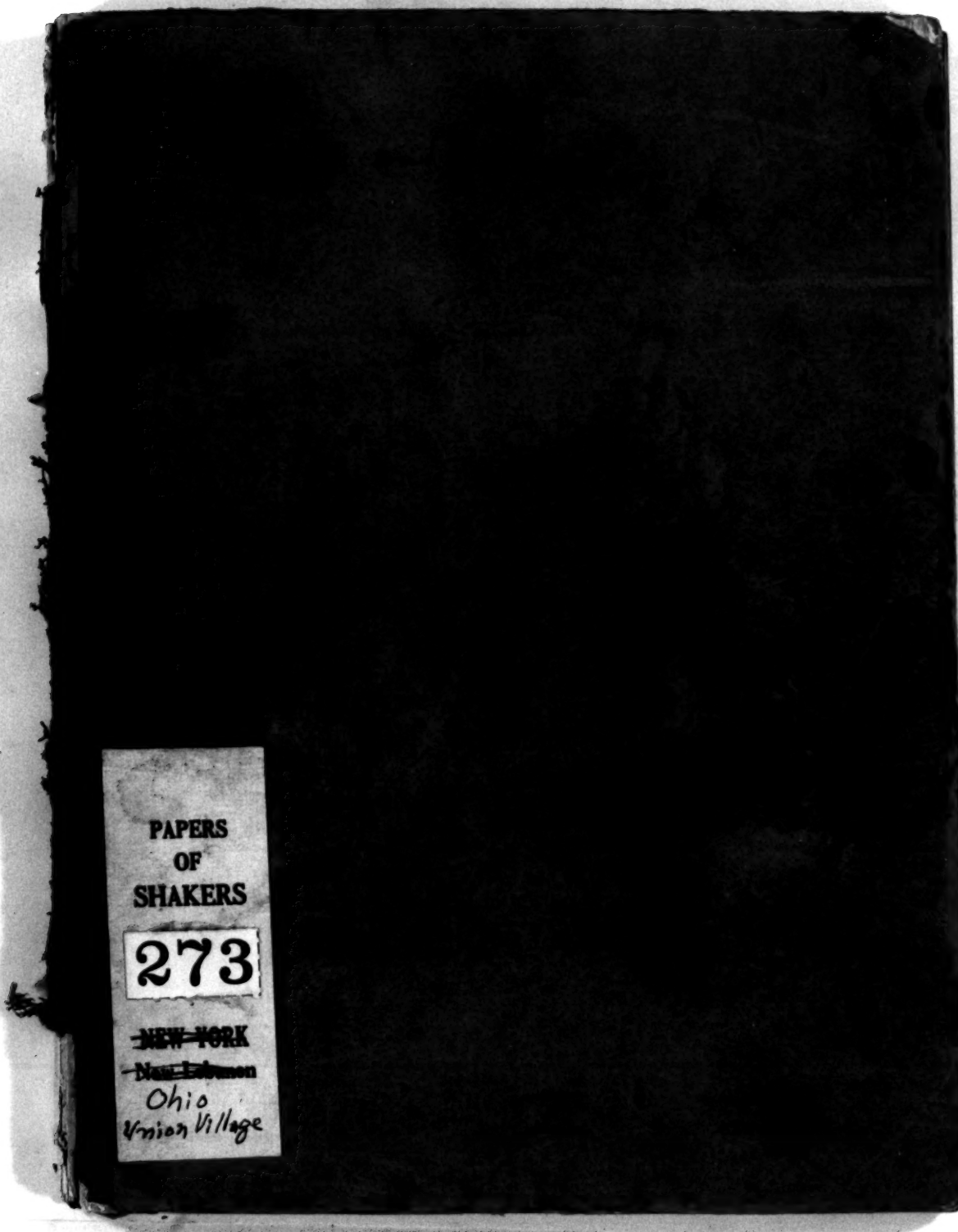
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Church of Christ's Second Appearing,

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by the

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Revis'd & Reestablish'd,

By the same.

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Preface.

Believers in Christ's second appearing who are united in one body, possess one united and Consecrated interest, and therefore must in all things, and under all Circumstances, be influenc'd, led and govern'd by one spirit, which is the spirit of God, and be subject to one general law, which is the law of Christ, in this day of his second appearing.

But as this general law Comprehends all that is necessary for the moral and religious government of believers, so it is divided into a variety of Statutes and rules, which will apply to all general Cases, and teach us our duty in the various situations and relations to which we may be Call'd.

The first and great Commandment upon all believers is that we love the Lord our God with all our heart, might mind and strength, and the second is like unto it, that we love the brethren & sisters as ourselves.

Under the influence of the first, we shall always be obedient to our Parents and Elders in the Gospel, and under the influence of the second, we shall do to all mankind as we wish them to do unto us.

It may not be improper here to remark, that the orders, and laws of Zion, relative to her seperation from the spirit of the world, within and without, and relative to Confession and repentance of sin, and reconciliation between dissenting parties, also to self denial, purity, and a proper intercourse between the sexes, and the order of the Anointing of God, and the transmission of the same to successors &c are unchangeable.

But those rules and regulations relative to health, Economy, and such as are the attendants of local Circumstances, in the social Connections of Society, are subject to such modifications, amendments or repeals, as Circumstances require for the union and protection of the various societies, and

Families thro'out Zion.

And it is consequently, the privelege and duty of the lead in Each society and Family to add to or diminish the number of such in this book, as their situation and circumstances require for the safety, union and protection of the people under their charge.

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Part 1st.

Section 1st.

Orders Concerning the duties of Trustees Family Deacons and Deaconesses; and the duties of other Members thereunto.

1. Believers must not run in debt to the world.
2. The order of the Gospel requires Trustees before making any heavy purchases or sales to ask Counsel, and obtain union of the Ministry and Elders of the Church, or Family over which they preside.
3. Believers should not require interest of Each other, on money borrowed, to purchase the the necessities or Comforts of life.
4. Members should not purchase articles for themselves, without the liberty of the Deacons or Deaconesses, Each Sex in its own order.

5. No new fashions concerning manufactures, Clothing or wares of any kind, may be introduc'd, into any Society of believers, without the sanction of the Ministry, of the Society, and superfluous articles should not be purchas'd, or us'd by believers.

Conditional Orders.

1. The Family Deacons and Deaconeses are responsible to the Elders in all matters of importance, that come under their cognisance concerning the temporal business of the Family.

2. Members employ'd to do business for the Trustees, at home or abroad, must render a full and explicit account to them of all their expenditures, and transactions, when such duties are perform'd.

3. When the order of the Gospel is fully establish'd, members should not apply to the Office Deacons or Deaconeses, for needful articles, or for articles of Convenience, nor for money for the purchase of the same, but to the Family Deacons and Deaconeses.

4. Brethren and Sisters have no liberty to make for themselves, or for others, important accomodations, or Conveniences, without the union or Consent, of the Deacons

or Deaconesses, Each sex in their own order.

5. It is the duty of Family Deacons and Deaconesses to dictate the Cooks, and the duty of the Elders and Eldresses to see that good order is attended to, Concerning the same.

Supplement

Important Counsels

1. Trustees desiring the help of other members, to do business for them, or to perform any of their official duties, at home or abroad, must apply to the Elders for the same.

2. When two or more are out together, they should as far as Consistent, both eat at one tavern, and sleep in one room, and when walking the streets, Endeavor to Keep

together as much as Consistent.

3. Those who go out on business for the Trustees have no more right, to buy, sell, bargain or trade for themselves, in any way than any other members of the Family.

4. As the Trustees are call'd to be examples of Godliness, Gospel plainness, prudence, and good economy in temporal things, they should not purchase for themselves, or receive as a gift or present, to be kept by them, or at their place of residence any article or articles of Convenience that are superfluous, unnecessary, or such as are disown'd in the Church or Family over which they preside as Trustees.

5. Trustees should attend to meeting with the Family, as far as their duties will possibly admit, as they need the union and strength of the body of the Family; they should also attend to meals with the Family, as far as possible, that they may know how to feel for their temporal needs and Circumstances with regard to provisions.

6. When believers resort to taverns and public places, they should not blend with the wicked, by uniting in unnecessary Conversation, jesting, and joking, talking upon politics, with them, or disputing, or enquiring into things which serve to draw the sense from the pure way of God.

7. All believers who go out among the world should observe, as far as possible, their order of Kneeling at home, and should Endeavor to Kneel in prayer each day.

8. A supply of such small tools and articles as sisters need, which brethren make should be made by order of the Deacons, and delivered to the Family Deaconesses, to whom the sisters should apply for the same when desired.

9. If sisters desire tools, conveniences, or articles of manufacture, which come in the brethrens line of business, and which it would require much time to make, they should apply to the Family Deaconesses.

10. Family Deacons and Deaconesses, sh'd have the general oversight of all work done in the family for sale, and the general direction of persons Employ'd at the same in union with the Trustees.

Section 2nd.

Orders relative to Physicians.

1. Brethren should not apply medicines to Sisters which are sick, without the knowledge of Sisters who stand in the Lot with them, and the same rule applies to sisters, where there are brethren physicians.

Counsels.

1. The Physicians should at all times hold themselves accountable to the Elders with regard to the administration of medicine.

2. When an individual is so unwell, as to be under the necessity of resorting to the place of the sick, the Physicians should make the Case Known to the Elders.

3. If any of the brethren or sisters need assistance in the medical line, they sho'd apply to the physician of their own family and of their own sex if there be such, and if not, to such as are appointed, and give themselves up to them and to their direction as it respects their medical treatment.

All, however, have liberty to request such medicines as they desire, but are Counsel'd to abide the decission of the Physician whether it be suitable for them to have it or not.

4. It is advisible for believers to avoid

Employing Doctors of the world, except in some extreme Cases, and in such Cases, the Ministry and Elders, should decide whether it be proper or not.

Part 2nd.

Section 1st

Orders concerning the Confession of Sin and Opening the Mind.

1. No believer can be justified in keeping any sin cover'd, under any pretense whatever, but all are requir'd to make Confession thereof, to those who are appointed in the order of God to hear them.

2. If any member should know of any sin, or actual transgression of the law

of Christ in any one of the family or society and have reason to believe the same is not known, or has not been Confess'd in order, the member to whom the matter is known is bound to reveal it to the Elders, so that sin may be put away, otherwise they participate in the guilt and Condemnation thereof.

3. All believers who ignorantly, carelessly or willfully break the sacred orders of the Gospel are requir'd to Confess the same, in the line of order and this should be done before assembling to worship God.

4. All trials must be open'd to those set in order to hear them, and to no other person.

5. If any member not appointed to hear openings, attentively hears disorderly persons disclose their trials or their disaffected feelings Concerning Ministry, Elders, Deacons, brethren or Sisters, it is solemnly enjoin'd on such to make Confession of the matter to their Elders, as a transgression of the order of God in hearing such openings.

6. No member of the Family who may be admonish'd or reprov'd by the Elders for any fault whatever, is allow'd to make any inquiry, or take any pains to find out, by whom the matter was open'd to the Elders.

7. Members should not go to the Ministry to open their minds without the Knowledge of their Elders, unless the Ministry Call upon them for that purpose, in which Case it is their duty to be free. And if members manifest to their Elders a desire to see the Ministry, the Elders should make it Known to the Ministry.

8. If any member should discover any violation of the law of Christ, or any thing Contrary to the Known precepts of the Gospel, in any person Entrusted in any lot of Care, either Spiritual or temporal, however high and important their lot and Calling may be, the person making the discovery is bound to make it Known to (the Ministry, or to) some one appointed to hear openings.

9. If any person should be overcome

with anger so as to lay a brother or Sister in the lie, or speak, or act Contrary to the Gospel of Christ, or by any means try to irritate, or wound the feelings of a brother or Sister they are not justified untill restor'd by Confession.

10 No member is allow'd to present himself to worship God, when under Condemnation, for sin unconfess'd. But all are required to prevent themselves to worship, with Clean hands, pure Hearts, and a justified Conscience.

11. If brethren have aught to open Concerning any Sister, they must open it to their Elder brethren, and if Sistas have aught to open Concerning any brother, they must open it to their Elder Sisters.

Section 2nd.

Orders Concerning the Worship of God.

Attending to Meetings &c.

1. All are requir'd to attend meetings at the appointed time, and no one may be absent from meetings, without obtaining permission of the Elders for the same.

2 If any member is absent from meeting without the Elders knowledge, and union such an one should inform the Elders of the cause of absence the first opportunity after meeting.

Supplement, Counsels &c.

1. All members while sitting in retiring time should sit erect, and in straight ranks.

2 All should attend to the reading of the hymn, or Anthem that is to be sung in meeting, which should always be read in retiring time, and none should have any Conversation upon any thing, except it be very needful, neither should they sleep, or idly lounge away the time, or leave the room except it be very necessary.

3. All should go into meeting in the fear of God, walking softly, or on their toes, except unable to do so, and no one should have any talking, laughing or hanging on the raile, while passing to or from meeting.

4. When brethren and sisters place themselves in a body in meeting for the worship of God, the ranks should be straight not only to the right and left, but also forward and back, and forwards

ranks should always be as long as any of the rest, and by no means should there be vacancies in the ranks, it has a tendency to excite discussion.

5. Brethren and Sisters should not allow themselves to be gaping or yawning in meeting.

6. When any person is kneeling in devoted prayer, whether in meeting or elsewhere, all who are present should attend and not be otherwise Engaged.

7. Brethren and Sisters should repair to their rooms, when the signal is given for that purpose, and retire in silence the appointed time, and labor for a sense of the Gospel, before attending meetings.

Section 3rd

Orders Concerning the Sabbath.

1. No books except the bible and believers publications, may be read, on the Sabbath Except by permission of the Elders. And Newspapers, Periodicals, advertisements, Almanacs, Pamphlets, Literary and Scientific, Miscellaneous, Unreligious or worldly books of any kind should not be read on the Sabbath.

2. No kind of fermented liquors should be us'd on the sabbath Except medicine administer'd by the Physicians.

3. There should be no riding out on the Sabbath unless duty requires it.

4. Clothes for the wash should not be carried to the wash-house on the sabbath Bord after Sunrise untill after Supper, at which time the Sisters may prepare them for washing.

5. No one should walk out on the Sabbath Except on duty.

6. Cutting the hair, paring the nails blacking or greasing shoes or boots, and such like things should not be done on the Sabbath.

Supplement & Conditional Orders

1. There should be no baking of bread, Cakes or pies, no frying of Cakes, and no Cooking of meat, in any way on the Sabbath. Fruits and vegatables should not be prepar'd for Cooking on the Sabbath nor should they be gather'd, unless in cases of great necessity.

2. Shaving the beard, should not be done on the Sabbath, unless in case of great necessity, when it is quite inconsistent to avoid it.

3. Where there is dwelling house room provided shops should not be frequented or occupied as a residence on the Sabbath. But when duty renders it necessary to visit them, the tarry should be short as Consistent.

4. Shop windows fronting the street should not be left open, on the Sabbath Except on some needful occasion.

Counsels.

1. No labor should be perform'd on the Sabbath, that can Consistently be avoided but all should Keep the day Holy and Sacred unto the Lord.

2 Bathing, or showering, if done on the Sabbath, should be Early in the morning Except in Case of Sickness.

3. Loud or boisterous talking or laughing also Conversation on politics, war or worldly subjects in general, also telling worldly stories should be avoided on the Sabbath.

Section 4th.

Orders Concerning Christmas, and Days appointed by the Government to be Kept

1. In Conformity to the general practice of Christendom, so call'd, believers should Keep Christmas, and on this day should Examine themselves in regard to their Union with Each other, and if hard feeling or grudges are found, they should this

this day be put away, and union gain'd between such as have been dissencious that the spirit of Christ may abide in Every soul.

2. Christmas should be Kept sacredly like unto the Sabbath untill sun set.

3. Days appointed by the government for fasting and prayer, and for thanksgiving are also requir'd to be kept, and regarded, and believers should attend one meeting and devote the remainder of the day Cleaning and puting things and apartments in order.

Section 5

Orders concerning intercourse between the Sexes.

1. The Gospel strictly forbids all private Union between the Sexes, in any place, case or under any Circumstances whatever.

2. One brother and one sister must not be together alone at any time longer than to do a short and necessary duty or errand, and must not have private talk together at all, which they desire to have unknown to their Elders, neither should brethren and sisters touch Each other unnecessarily.

3. Brethren and Sisters must not make presents to each other, in a private manner.

4. Brethren and sisters should not pass Each other on the Stairs.

5. Brethren and sisters should not shake hands together.

6. Sisters must neither mend or set buttons on brethrens Clothes, while they have them on.

7. It is not allowable for brethren and Sisters to give or swap with Each other any tools, books, or Clothing of any kind without the knowledge and union of those who have Charge of providing such things.

8. When brethren go to Sisters rooms, or sisters to brethrens rooms, they should always rap at the door, and wait to be bidden in.

9. Brethren or Sisters should not dress in garments belonging to the opposite sex, nor allow themselves to try on such garments.

Conditional Orders.

1. Brethren and sisters should not work together much length of time, except on special occasions, and then in union with the Elders.

2. Brethren and sisters should not unite for Each other, [not to Each other] without liberty from the Elders.

3. If brethren or sisters need instruction in reading, writing or music, or any other branches of literature or science, they must receive it from those of their own sex, or by such persons as the Elders may appoint.

4. Brethren and sisters should not go into Each others apartments after evening meeting at night, except on some very needful occasion.

5. The brethren should all leave their rooms while the sisters are doing the necessary things therein unless prevented by sickness or infirmity.

6. When Sisters walk out into the fields to the barns, or brethrens shops, there should be at least two in company, exceptions should be by

by liberty of the Elders.

Counsels

1. Brethren should avoid shaking hands with women of the world, as far as consistent, and sisters should in likewise avoid shaking hands with men of the world.

2. When brethren go to brethrens rooms, or sisters to sisters rooms, it is pretty to ask leave to enter before Entering rooms, where they do not live.

3. Brethren or Sisters should avoid standing or sitting on the outside steps, platforms, or in halls, to hold long thy Conversation, either brethren with brethren, Sisters with sisters, or Brethren and sisters together.

4th. In times of meeting for worship, and in union or singing meetings, there should be at least five feet distance between the

ranks, of brethren and sisters, and no one should stand or sit, in a lounging or awkard position.

5. All should attend union meeting at the appointed times, unless special duty requires them to be absent.

6. When consistent to avoid it, brethren and sisters should not be under the same roof.

7. It is not recommendable for brethren to go to sisters shops, or sisters to brethrens for the purpose of partaking of melons fruits nuts &c.

8. Brethren and sisters should avoid hanging their garments together.

Section 6th.

Orders concerning the Language of believers

1. All filthy stories and all Conversation which tends to excite lustful sensations are directly Contrary to the purity of the Gospel, and is utterly forbidden; and whoever offends in this matter, must make Confession before meeting, or stand behind all in the ranks when assembled for worship.*

2. All telling of falsehoods, evil speaking one of another, backbiting or tatling are utterly forbidden by the Gospel.

3. No one should carry news from one to another, that will stir up and make mischief, or bring up faults and failings, that have been Confess'd and put away.

4. Believers should not Compare their brethren and sisters to filthy vagabonds of the world.

5. Worldly titles should not be applied by believers to their brethren and sisters.

6. When brethren and sisters seek a favor one of another, they should always ask in a becoming manner as "Will you be so kind, and when a kindness is received should return thanks respectfully as "I kindly thank you.

7. When believers hold Conversation with those who have turn'd from the way of God, they should correctly report the same to the Elders.

8. No believer should rehearse the mistakes or faults of any one, in the body, or out, to those not having knowledge of the same, so as to hand them down from one generation to generation.

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* All who hear or listen to such Conversation are requir'd to open its door for meeting.

Counsels

1. Believers should not call nicknames, use by words, or worldly expressions, neither should they address each other with worldly titles.

2. Believers should avoid repeating the cursing and swearing of the world when relating the stories of such language, or circumstances with which it was connected.

3. It is ungodly for brethren and sisters to threaten of rejecting their privelege in the way of God, and turning back to the world.

Section 7th.

Orders concerning the Furniture of Retiring Rooms

1. No maps, charts, and no pictures or paintings should ever be hung up in retiring rooms, and no pictures, paintings or likenesses, or daguerriotypes set in frames or otherwise should ever be kept by believers. Modest advertisements may be put up in the Trustees office when necessary.

2. If any one breaks, mars or destroys any article of furniture in the retiring rooms where they live, it is the duty of such to acknowledge the same to the Deacons or Deaconesses as they case may be, and if possible repair the injury.

Conditional Orders.

Newspapers should not be read in retiring rooms, except by special liberty of those set in order to give the same.

Counsels.

The furniture of dwelling rooms among believers should be plain in style and unembellish'd by stamps, flowers paintings or gildings of any kind.

And looking glasses ought not to be purchas'd by believers exceeding about 12 by 20 inches.

Section 8th.

Orders Concerning Books Pamphlets and Writings in general.

1. Very superfluously marbled or gilt books or papers should not be us'd among believers.

2. Brethren and Sisters are not allow'd to purchase or borrow books of the world or other families of believers without the permission of the Elders of the family with whom they live.

3. None should read books when out among the world, that are not allow'd of among believers. If the world should offer any believer a book that would be allow'd of, tho' they might not have had liberty to get such a book, it would be better to take such a book than to give offence, but it should be shown to the Elders, before it be read or circulated

4. No books pamplets or Almanacs of any Kind are allow'd to be brót into the family without the Knowledge and approbation of the Elders.

5. All letters receiv'd by any member, not set in order to transact business with the world, or with other believers, sho'd invariably be shown to the Elders, and this should be done before being shown or read to, or by any other person.

6. If any member should write a letter to send abroad, it should be shown to the Elders before it is seal'd or sent away.

But the office Deacons are allow'd to write or receive letters on temporal business without showing them to the Elders. But all Communications written or receiv'd by them, or any other person not connected with business transactions, in the line of their official duties should be shown to the Elders

7. No Hymns Anthems or songs of any

kind, or any other writings, except as before shown, may be carried out, or brot into the Family, without the Knowledge and approbation of the Elders thereof.

Conditional Orders.

Newspapers should be subscribed for by those at the office as a general rule, and none should come into the Family except by Knowledge of the Elders.

Counsels.

× One or two family journals should be kept by each family, in which all important occurrences, or business transactions of the Family, aside from the office should be registered.

Section 9th.

Orders Concerning going abroad, and intercourse with the World.

1. When believers need to go abroad, out of the line of their ordinary business they should obtain the union of their Elders. And persons Employ'd to do business should inform the Elders if to be absent over night.

2. When members of the family need spending money, they should apply to the family Deacons, or those set in order for keeping the same, and to them a Correct account of all expenses should be made when the money is return'd.

3. It is not allowable for believers to go into Museums, theatres, or to attend Caravans or shows to gratify Curiosity.

4. One brother and one sister, must

not walk out, or ride out together, without a third person, nor take with them for company a child under ten years of age for their Companion. Any exception to this rule, should be by special liberty of the Elders.

5. In families gathered into order no members but those appointed for that purpose should keep money.

6. When brethren and sisters go from home, for a ride, for a visit, or if absent over night on business, they should give the Elders an account of their proceedings and circumstances attending their journey, when they return home.

Section 10th.

Orders concerning the Literary Education and Schooling of Children.

1. No members but those appointed by the lead may study Physic Pharmacy, Anatomy Surgery, Law &c. And Phrenology Mithology Mesmerism and such sciences as are foreign from believers duty, should not be studied at all by believers.

2. Spelling reading, writing linear drawing, English Grammar, Composition Arithmetic Mensuration, the science of Agriculture, Agricultural Chemistry Physiology, a portion of History and Geography, Music, moral science, good manners, and true religion, are sufficient, as general school studies for Children among believers.

Section 11th.

Orders Concerning the Dead.

1 When the spirit is departing, and a person is breathing their last, all present should Kneel in prayer.

2. It is sufficient to dress a male Corpse in a shirt and shroud, a handkerchief, or cravat, and muffler if necessary. And for a female add thereto a Cap and collar.

Section 12th.

Miscellaneous Orders.

1. All wrestling scuffling, beating striking, or fighting in any sense of the word is utterly forbiden by the Gospel.

2. No persons may have private communications, written, spoken or in action intentionally secret from their Elders.

3. No kind of ardent spirits may be drank by believers, except by order of the physician.

4. It is an Establish'd order for believers to kneel in prayer on retiring to rest at night, and on rising in the morning.

5. It is an Establish'd order for believers to Kneel before and after Eating, when at home and among themselves, and when among the world as far as consistent; and when kneeling in prayer and

thanksgiving all should close their eyes, and de-
-vote their souls to God.

6. No unnecessary figuring or letter-
ing, and no superfluity should be us'd
in making tools or garments.

7. No ruling with red ink, should be
done by way of Embellishment.

8. No gilding may be put on books
manufactur'd by believers, and no names
of individuals may be letter'd in gold
leaf on the outside Covers of books of any
kind.

9. Boys under 15 years of age, sho'd
not make use of guns, and the better let guns
alone the better as hunting is not recom-
-mended.

10. Fancy articles of any kind, or ar-
-ticles that are superfluously finish'd
trim'd or ornamented, are not suitable
for believers, and should not be purchas'd
or us'd.

Conditional Orders.

1 All should rise in the morning at the signal given for that purpose, unless prevented by sickness or infirmity.

2. Brethren should leave their rooms within fifteen minutes after the signal time of rising in the morning, unless prevented by sickness or infirmity. Void

3. All who sleep in the same room sho'd kneel and retire to rest together, as far as Consistent, but if any desire to sit up to work, or for other purposes, they should get liberty of the Elders, and inform those with whom they lodge.

4. There should be no talking, after retiring to rest at night, except on some important occasion.

5. Those appointed Caretakers of dwelling rooms, are responsible, that good order is maintain'd therein, and that disorder is reported to the Elders.

6. Visiting between the world and believers, should be done at the office, in Families where there is one, except otherwise directed by the Elders.

7. Brethren and Sisters should not give away any of their garments, or tools without the union of the Deacons or Deaconesses, taylors or tayloresses who have the Charge of providing such things.

Counsels.

1. Where public stores are kept, the place of storage should be secured by locks & keys.

2. Cider if kept at all should be secured by lock, and kept under the Charge of some suitable person.

3. When brethren or sisters wish to make presents to their friends among believers, or else where, they should obtain liberty of their Elders, and those first in temporal care to do so.

Part 3rd

Concerning Temporal economy.

Section 1st

Of Prudence Neatness &c.

1. No Kind of liquid matter should be thrown out of the windows of painted buildings, and no apple parings, nor the refuse of any Kind of Fruit, should be thrown out at the windows of the dwelling House or shops, into the door yards or streets.

2. Brethren or Sisters should not throw away their old shoes, boots, socks, or garments, but they should be shown to those who Have the Charge of such things to be disposed of as they deem proper.

3. Flowers, fruit trees or shrubbery should not be set out around the dwelling Houses or adjacent to them

or around shops which occupy a front position.

Counsels.

1. No kinds of filthy rubbish, may be left to remain around the dwellings shops, nor in the door Yard, or streets, in front of the dwelling Houses or Shops.

2. All the gates should be clos'd on Saturday nights in the summer, and work rooms should be swept, the work and tools should be put in order, and safely secur'd from thieves and fire.

3. When a pane of glass gets broken in a front window, it must be mended before the Sabbath.

Section 2nd.

Orders to prevent Loss by Fire.

1. No person should Carry Fire about the door yards, or among the buildings unless safely secur'd in a lantern, fire box or other safe vessel.

2. No one may enter a closet, clothes room, or other by place, not frequented with an open light.

3. Lighted lamps or candles must not be Carried to the barns, or other out buildings unless enclos'd in a lantern, and no lanterns are allow'd to be carried into haymows nor to be open'd in the barns, nor in any place where sparks would be liable to set anything on fire.

4 No lighted lamps or candles may be held over Chests drawers, shaving baskets and such like places.

5. No one may go to Chests of Clothing

drawers, shaving baskets, wood boxes, closets, or back and by places, while smoking neither may they Empty their pipes in spit boxes, nor go to smoke in uninhabited rooms.

6. It is not allowable to go out of doors any where among the buildings with lighted pipes, and it is better not to smoke at all.

7. It is not allowable to boil oil or Varnish in our buildings any where.

8. No ashes should be emptied into their place of deposite after 1. O. clock in the afternoon, neither may ashes ever be taken up in a wooden Vessel, and ashes should not be set or hung on woodboxes or near shaving baskets with ashes in them.

9. The snuff of a burning lamp or Candle should never be drop'd into spit boxes where there is saw dust or any Combustible matter.

10. Spitboxes should not be left under the stove hearth at any time.

11. When a room is left for the night or much length of time, the stove door should be shut, if there is fire in it, and the place secur'd from fire.

Counsels.

Chimneys should be burn'd out once a year, and at a time when the roofs are sufficiently wet to prevent taking fire.

Section 3rd

Orders Concerning Beasts.

1. No believer is allow'd to play with cats and dogs, it is strictly forbidden, neither should they make room mates of them, nor make unnecessary freedom with any of the beasts of the field.

2. No dogs may be kept in any family that is gather'd into order.

3. No beasts belonging to the people of God may be left to suffer with hunger thirst, or cold, in consequence of neglect on the part of those who have the care of such beasts; but all should be kept in their proper places, and be properly attended to according to need.

4. No beast or any living thing may be wantonly pain'd, injur'd or torture'd and no living being should ever be corrected or Chastis'd in a passion.

Counsels.

1. Horses and cattle must not feed or run together in one pasture.
2. Beasts should not be call'd by the given or Christen names of persons.

Section 4th.

Concerning the Order of the natural Creation.

1. Different species of trees or plants may not be grafted or budded on each other except Pears which may be grafted on the quince.
2. The different species of animals should also be kept distinct, Each in its own order.

3. No fowls may be set on the Eggs of fowls of different kinds.

Counsels.

Believers should not spend their time in cultivating Fruits and plants not adapted to the Climate in which they live.

Section 5th

Orders Concerning Buildings Painting &c

1. Beadings, mouldings and Cornishing which are merely for fancy may not be made by believers.

2. Odd or fanciful styles of Architecture may not be us'd among believers, neither should any deviate widely from the Common style of building without the union of the Ministry and Elders.

Counsels.

1. It is advisible to paint Meeting houses white without, and of a blueish shade within for the sake of uniformity. Dwelling houses should be as near uniform in color as consistent, and shops, in like manner, should be uniform as far as practicable, and a little darker than dwellings.

2. For uniformity it is advis'd for dwelling house floors, if stain'd at all to be of a reddish Yellow.

3. Back buildings as barns wood-houses &c if painted at all should be of a darker hue than dwellings or shops as red, brown, Umber, Lead Color Choc-olate, or some such modest color, but when such buildings front the street, or command a sightly aspect, they should be painted like shops.

4. It is imprudent and unadvisable to paint such articles as come to ready wear, so as to wear out, before they rust out.

Section 6th

Miscellaneous Counsels.

1. Brethren and Sisters should avoid thronging the office, to visit believers late in the evening, or as they are about to return home.
2. Members should not tell the gifts, or peculiar regulations of the family in which they live, to other families.
3. Brethren and sisters should not leave their companions in Employ to be gone over half an hour, without giving them information where they are going.
4. Lengthy Conversations should not be held in the street if consistent to avoid it.
5. It is unsafe and therefore improper to redrill a hole in a rock when it is charged for blasting.
6. It is advisable for believers to abstain

from all kinds of fermented liquors as a beverage.

7. Buildings which get out of repair should be repaired soon, or taken away.

8. Doors and gates should not be left swinging, but kept either shut or fastened open.

9. Curtains should not be left in such a manner as to be blown out at the window.

10. It is unsafe to leave any kind of garments or yarn, or cloth, spread or hung out over night, unless it is watched.

11. It is uncleanly for brethren and sisters, to spit out at the windows, or on the floors, walks, cellar bottoms or sinks.

12. It is unsafe to shoot with guns near the barns or other buildings, unless the wadding be of leather shavings, or something not liable to take fire.

13. It is inadvisable to use Locks

and keys in the dwelling house, except where
public stores are to be kept, and no false locks
should be usd in the dwelling house, or any
private possession.

14. It is uncleanly to allow Cattle or sheep
to feed in the door Yards, and they should
not be driven carelessly thro them, and it is
a good rule to mow door Yards twice a year.

15. It is improper to Cut up the door Yards
into little Cross paths, and by roads, but
when Consistent all should keep on the walk.

16. When brethren or sisters, are about the
farm, and pass thro bars or gates, they
should always leave them clos'd, unless they
find them evidently left open on purpose. And
when brethren are about the farm, and find
gates open, bars down, or fences broken down
they should put them in order if Consistent
and if not, inform those set in order to take
care of them, on their return home.

17. All implements of labor, Carts, waggons
sleighs sleds & should be put in their

proper places on saturday nights, & as far as consistent, Every night, and all of these things should be done in season to retire at the time appointed, if possible.

18. No Kind of beasts, birds &c should be Kept for mere Curiosity, or for the sake of fancy, or show.

19. When believers Enter the dwelling house they should walk softly, and in the fear of God.

20. Slaming doors, or gates should not be practiced by believers.

21. Believers should avoid lounging in the windows or leaning on the window stools, stools, as if they were asleep, or gazing out at passers by, and particularly on the Sabbath.

22. If a brother or sister be missing at the dining table, the place should be immediately fill'd.

23. No one should allow himself to pass Carelessly over small and useful things as a nail, a pin &c thinking it

too small to pick up and save, for, our heavenly Father may Consider such too small to bestow a blessing on.

24. When brethren or sisters are assembled to sing, or support union, no one should read aloud, without the request or Consent of the Company, lest some greater gift should be obstructed.

25. When any one is out of health, such should not defer applying to the physician until Saturday night or sabbath day, for the purpose of saving time for temporal Employment.

26. Brethren should not present themselves to support union with the sisters, when they have aught one against another, and sisters should not present themselves to support union with the brethren when they have aught one against another.

27. Believers should not Keep any beast that needs and extravagant portion of whipping, or beating, but such had better

better be sold to the Children of this world, or Kill'd.

28. No one should be sleeping in meeting time, or be gazing at spectators in public meeting.

29. Rocking Chairs should not be us'd in singing meeting.

30. All should avoid unnecessary frequenting the rooms, wherein they do not live except on duty.

31. Believers should not keep pots of Flowers in or around dwelling Houses or shops.

Conclusion.

Whom Knowingly or wilfully breake the Orders of the Gospel should feel that they have sinned in that thing, and should feel themselves solemnly oblig'd to Confess it and put it away in the line of Order.

The Elders of every family thro'out Zion should Keep a record of the orders contain'd in this Book, or such a portion of it as the Ministry deem suitable for, and adapted to the family over which they are Call'd to preside. Perhaps the most judicious way to make a suitable and lasting impression upon the minds of the people, would be to read one section of them only at a time or at one meeting, thus Confining the attention to one subject. It is very important that every believer should get an understanding of the order which they are Call'd to Keep.

Mother Lucy's sayings.

Spoken at different times and Under various Circumstances.

Young people must not expect to please themselves with every fancy, or think to have every notion that they would naturally want, or to have their own ways; but they must remember that they are call'd to be examples in all things.

Brethren and sisters, you hear a great deal about the Cross, perhaps a great deal more than you want to hear many times, but every one ought to consider, that all they have gain'd towards the Kingdom of Heaven is by the daily Cross, and all who do not carry this daily Cross, in all their thoughts, words and actions cannot

travel in the way of God.

Some think they have harder times and their Crosses are greater than others, but such ought to Consider, whether there is not something in them, which needs greater Crosses to subdue, and then don't flounce or frown untill you see whether you do not need all you have and more.

Brethren and Sisters, I feel many times you would trample on the laws of Zion, and would go one side of Order, to satisfy some inclination in yourselves.

Such as you Call little orders, you pass by, and will say by and by, when Mother and the Elders are gone, "Why we did so when Mother was here, Why Cannot we do so now? If they allow'd such things who Can blame us? But I want you to Know and remember such things are not allow'd we do not allow of disorder.

Mother, on speaking to her children on Christmas day said, "If there are any hard feelings, or difficulties, or any thing so great that it cannot be settled to day, it ought to be done tomorrow, and if you cannot get hold of a forgiving spirit, do sell all that you have and buy it, you have enough to part with if you will.

I desire there may be none either male or female, but that labor to be peace-makers; I can sense very clearly, the reward of the peacemaker, you had better sacra-fice a great deal than not to keep peace brethren and sisters.

You must not take offence, nor give offence, if any one take offence, they will give offence, and if they will give offence they will take an offence. If you break the precious laws of Christ, you get off the Christian ground.

This I call a sacrafice, to give up and to hate our nasty natures

, natural dispositions, and ugly appetites, with which we were all born into the world.

And who is there that will flinch or give back, because the way is so straight? I hope there are none.

I do not glory in my profession, I would as willingly be a Jew as a shaker unless I liv'd a godly life. I might as well be a Jew as to profess to be a follower of Christ and not be one.

I do not know but I have a different understanding of the gospel, and about the way of God, from what some of you have.

I thought when I first heard the Gospel that I must give up every kind of Evil. I thought that old ugly way going to be rejected.

I expected to give up pride, covetousness, deceit, lieing, and every bad thing if I ever went to heaven. And if you think you can give way to backbiting, anger, crabbed crooked ways, and whatever an evil nature

may lead you, and think you are going to Heaven, I want no such Heaven.

If there are any who have a disposition too good and too nice and pretty to be destroy-ed, they ought to let it be known, that we might not expect so much of them, but my natural make is none too good to die; I do not want to save it; I hate my old natural disposition and I find need of the Cross.

You ought to have love and union to Each other, a Godly union, which is very diff-erent from a fleshly union. I desire You would speak to each other in the new tongue, and not let the old tongue to bear rule. Just as much as you give way to the old tongue, to chafe and gall Each other, just so much you are de-filed.

Those who have the spirit of Christ are meek, submissive and humble, it makes them simple like Children, willing to do any thing to find the favor of God.

I want you to consider how mean and poor you are without the gift of God, this does not lift you up, and make you proud and disdain submission, neither will it make you feel Cast down or despis'd, but by it you will feel Confidence and peace. But this great big sense makes one feel hateful, it makes one look contemptible; I can almost always tell a person who feels big whenever I see such an one.

I can love and bless all, I feel that the brethren and sisters are my interest and that I am theirs, I feel that I cannot do without them, nor they without me.

I desire that none would excuse themselves, that they cannot bless, because

there is something in the way, there is always room enough to bless.

I feel more concern'd about the union than almost anything else. I desire you all to watch yourselves in this point, it is a matter that all can understand.

There are none of you so strong that you can divide and seperate out, without loss. You cannot go to Heaven alone, but you can be lost alone. I believe disunion will be the overthrow of many souls yet. But if any souls are lost, they will have to come down, and acknowledge their own folly & guilt.

If any feel as tho' they could not have their natures spoil'd, they ought to step back and not unite with the rest in worship.

There is a daily duty to do, that is,

for the brethren to be Kind to the sisters brethren, the sisters Kind to the sisters and the brethren and sisters Kind to each other.

You ought to bevery Careful how you speak to each other, speak lovingly one to another, according to the simplicity of the Gospel.

Mother Lucy in speaking to a company of young brethen and sisters said, "I was taught when I was a young believer, that I had better Eat my fingers off than to speak or feel, against those who were before me in travel in the way of God, and it is really so, and you must not do it.

And again "said Mother, you must labor to Keep good order, for it is your protection. The orders of God seem hard to a carnal mind, but I should say that there are not many if any here present so young, but that they may see and feel

the necessity of keeping good order.

To my sense believers are held together in union by a golden Chain, this Chain is compos'd of the gifts and orders of God, and every order is a link in this Chain, and if you break any of these orders, you break this Chain, and are expos'd to be led astray. But while you are careful to keep the gifts and orders of God, you are surrounded by this golden Chain, and are secure from all Evil.

The last sentence was spoken by Mother, about fifteen days before her decease.

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We the present Ministry of the Church of Christ in New Lebanon and Water-vliet, do solemnly own and acknowledge our full faith in, and approbation of the foregoing rules, orders and counsels, which have been given and establish'd by our Gospel Parents, and by their successors, the Ministry and Elders.

And we do solemnly promise in the presence of God, and our Heavenly Parents, faithfully to support and maintain the same from this time henceforth and forever, as far as wisdom will permit.

In testimony whereof

we have hereunto thankfully set our names, and affix our seals this first day of May, one thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty.

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